GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:746
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2011
DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST VILLAGES
Natrajan Meenakshi

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any committees in the last three years to develop forest villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the major recommendations made by the said committees; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the said committees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a): The programme for Development of Forest Villages was launched in 2005-06. The proposals received from State Governments under the programme are placed before the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) for its consideration and recommendations.

(b): The PAC consists of representatives of Planning Commission, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. The Committee gives its recommendations relating to approval of the project proposals received from 12 State Governments where the programme of development of forest villages is implemented in 2474 forest villages, and other related aspects.

(c): After the approval of the projects, funds are released by the Ministry to the State Governments for the implementation of these projects for the development of forest villages in these States.